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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were originally filed. Claims 1, 14, 20 and 26 are amended by way of the present response and claims 11 and 25 are canceled. No new matter is added hereby.

Claims 1-10, 12-24 and 26 are now pending, of which claims 1, 14 and 20 are in independent form.

Favorable reconsideration of the present application as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has objected to claims 11, 13, 19, 25 and 26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant gratefully appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

Regarding the Claim Objections

In the pending Office Action, claim 26 has been objected to for reciting a method claim depending from a base claim that is directed to a computer system. In response, Applicant has

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appropriately amended this dependent claim as required by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the outstanding objection has therefore been overcome or otherwise rendered moot by way of the present response.

Regarding the Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

In the pending Office Action, claims 1-10, 12 and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,188,286 to Hogg et al. (hereinafter the *Hogg* reference) in view of U.S. Patent Application 2004/0028165 to Bogdan (hereinafter the *Bogdan* reference). Additionally, claims 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hogg* in view of *Bogdan* and U.S. Patent 6,473,439 to Zerbe et al.

Without acquiescing in the characterization of the art and/or the pending claims as set forth in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending §103 rejections have been overcome or otherwise rendered moot by the present response. Base claim 1 has now been amended to include the features of claim 11, which has been indicated to be allowable. Similarly, base claim 20 has now been amended to include the features of claim 25, which has been indicated to be allowable. The subject matter of allowable claim 11 has also been incorporated into base claim 14.

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Accordingly, base claims 1, 14 and 20 are believed to be in allowable condition. Additionally, claims 2-10 and 12 (depending from claim 1), claims 14-19 (depending from claim 14) and claims 21-24 and 26 (depending from claim 20) are also in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of the record, whether considered alone or in combination discloses, anticipates or suggests the pending claims, and in further view of the above remarks and/or amendments, reconsideration of the Action and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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